

**August 10, 2025, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Traditional Worship Service**



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*Congregation responses are in bold*

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. David Rice

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude: *Meditation*

By: Flor Peeters

*Please stand as you are able  
Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space  
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

*Submitted By: Arnold Givler - "A reminder of one true God and His son  
and the Holy Ghost."*

**Verses 1-4**

**The Church's One Foundation**



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
by schisms . . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900  
Music: AURELLA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others, but we often neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we may choose to turn away from the abundant life you offer.**  
**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we sometimes grow weary in doing what is right.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.**  
**Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.**  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

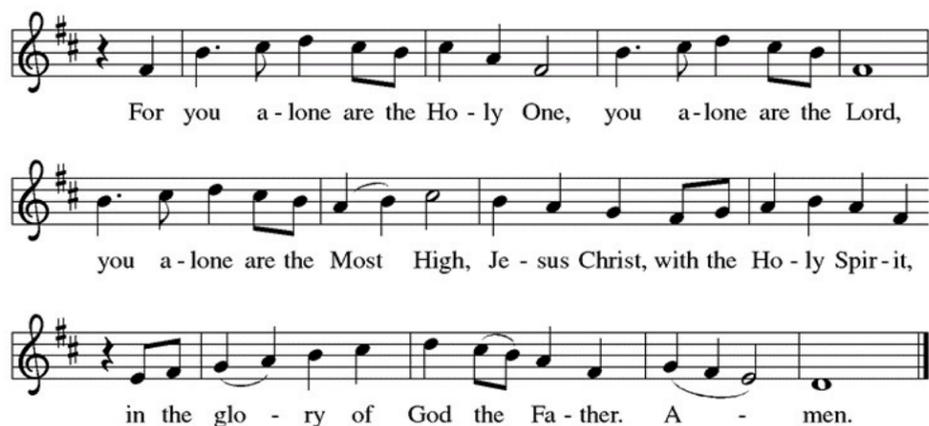


you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

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For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PM: Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

A reading from Genesis:

(Genesis 15:1-6 Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 9)

The reading concludes with:  
 Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 33:12-22**

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!  
**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**  
 God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.  
**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**  
 A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.  
**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**  
 Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,  
**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**  
 Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.  
**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**  
 Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

A reading from Hebrews:

(Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 Pew Bible, New Testament, page 175)

The reading concludes with:  
 Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

(Luke 12:32-40 Pew Bible,  
New Testament, page 57)

The reading concludes with:  
The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

PM: While this worship service reminds our congregation that Caring Ministry is a part of the life of every Christian, it specifically recognizes those who are offering themselves to organize, teach and supervise our Stephen Ministers, the trained caregivers who will minister to hurting people in our congregation and community,

I ask Jenny Elkins and Ken Reinoehl to come forward.

Jenny and Ken, you have been trained at a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course and have been asked to serve as Stephen Leaders here at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. You are a gift of God to us, to lead us in the ministry of equipping and caring.

I ask the congregation: As Christians, we are a part of the priesthood of all believers, all of us are called to offer ourselves to our Lord in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us, in Jesus Christ. But it is also our privilege to recognize and support those who are trained for specific ministries in this congregation; especially today, as we recognize and affirm Stephen Ministry and these Stephen Leaders who will direct this ministry.

Jenny and Ken, because of your gifts, your calling, and your training, we charge you with these responsibilities.

- \* To build awareness of our growing Stephen Ministry
- \* To solicit the commitment of this congregation to Stephen Ministry at every opportunity.
- \* To recruit, select, and train thoroughly as Stephen Ministers those members of this congregation whose gift it is to share one-to-one caring ministry.
- \* To use the resources of our community as appropriate to enrich the training and ongoing supervision of Stephen Ministry in this congregation.
- \* To work with the (future) pastor of this congregation to identify members who could benefit from this confidential caring ministry.
- \* To assign the trained caregiver who most appropriately fits a person's need.
- \* To supervise these confidential caring relationships and offer regular opportunities to continuing growth in the skills and practice of caring ministry

Jenny and Ken, will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?  
**I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Canton, will you open your hearts to the ministry of these Stephen Leaders and pray for them as servants of Christ?  
**Yes, with the help of God.**

I now ask the members of council come forward. In the tradition of the elders in Antioch who commissioned Saul and Barnabus, will the members of council place your hand on these Stephen Leaders. *(Jenny and Ken kneel)*

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, you have called these people to lead us into new paths of caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered them for this task. Grant them joy in their services and a spirit of bold trust in you, that their ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace and your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Lord of the church fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless and keep you so that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been called, gifted, trained and sent.  
**Amen.**

*(All Participants return to their seats.)*

*Please stand as you are able*

*Submitted By: Arnold Givler - "It reminds me of God's safety toward us."*

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;  
 We would be lost, re - ject - ed.  
 all threat - 'ning to de - your us,  
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod  
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,  
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;  
 for God him - self fights by our side

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.  
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed.  
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,  
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!  
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.  
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.  
 Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.  
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!  
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.  
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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AM: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence for personal prayer*

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,  
**Janet Sleese, Beth Shaheen and Dean Fox**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.*

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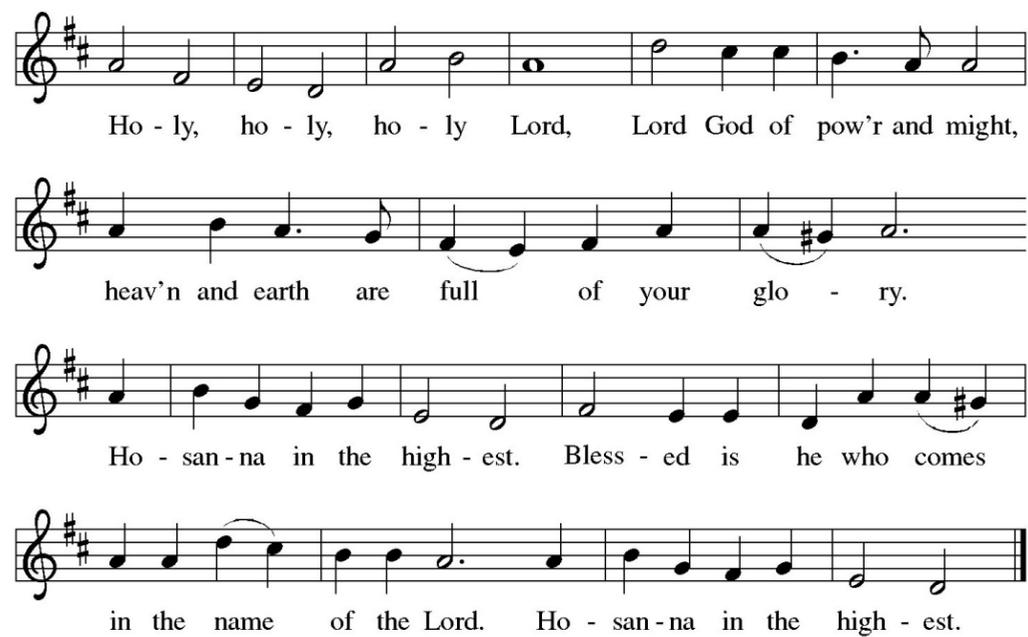
AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,  
**I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.**

PM: The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your Light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy God, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

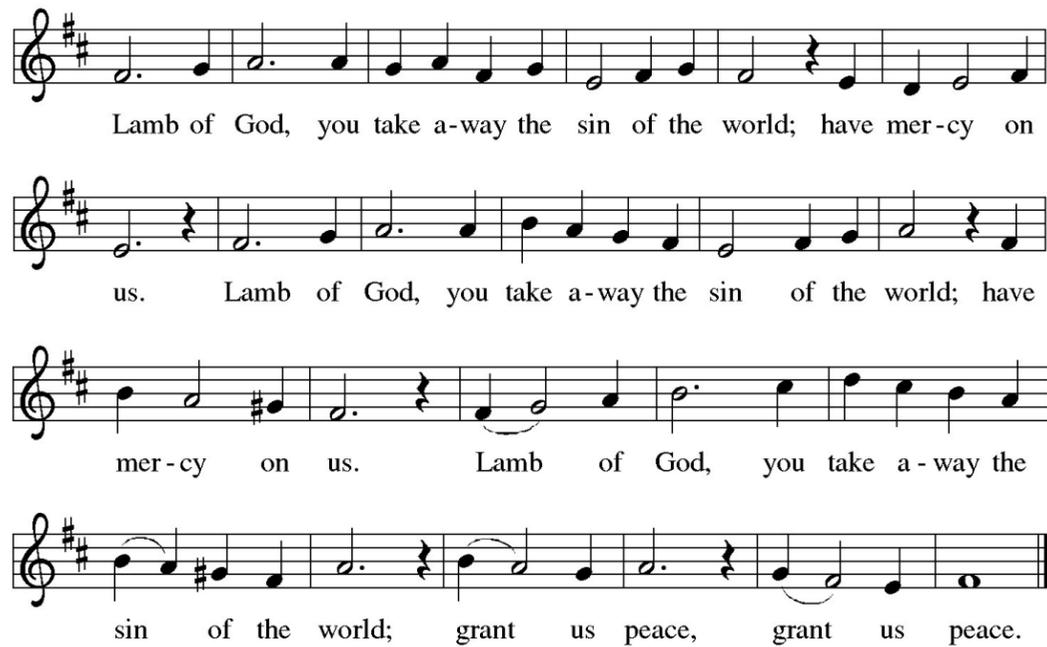
**Amen.**

Let us enthusiastically pray as Jesus taught us,

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.**

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God. Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too. Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: *Song*

By: Flor Peeters

*Please stand as you are able*

PM: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

PM: Today, communion will be taken to some of Zion's shut-ins. Our prayers go with those who deliver them, as they not only share Christ's Body and Blood with those who are unable to be present with us this morning, but they also take the blessings of the whole congregation.  
**Amen.**

AM: Let us pray,  
**Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

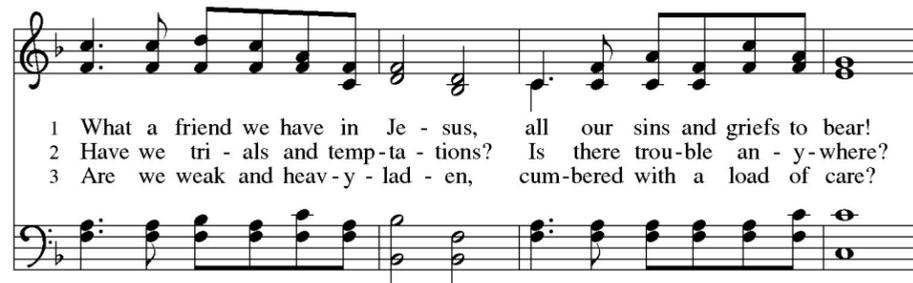
AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,  
**Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to the person you have designed me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Continue to give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.**

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen**

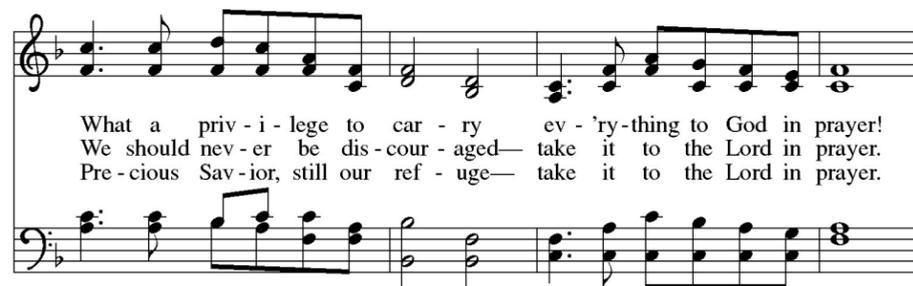
*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.  
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

*Submitted By: Arnold Givler - "Knowing we are never alone."*

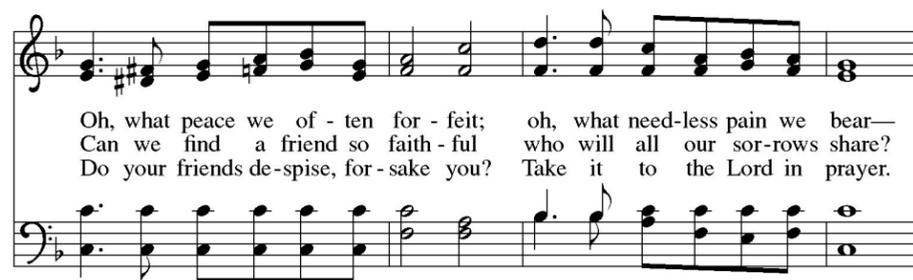
## What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886  
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

PM: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Fughetta*

By: Flor Peeters